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Sen. Stamas praises passage of steroid package

LANSING – Legislation addressing performance-enhancing substance use in high schools was approved by the Michigan Senate Wednesday, said state Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

“This is important legislation,” Stamas said. “The use of steroids by Michigan’s children and young adults is a reality. Unfortunately, doping isn’t just a problem for professional athletes.”

House Bill 4118 requires school districts and public school academies to have a policy where the use of performance-enhancing drugs is a violation that will affect a student’s eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics.

The final determination would still be made by the school board.

HBs 4594-4595 enhance the penalties for possession of certain controlled substances within 1,000 feet of school property and a public or private park, while HB 4596 established sentencing guidelines corresponding to the possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a public or private park.

“When these bills become law, student athletes will know exactly what is not allowed,” Stamas said. “Our schools need to have clear guidelines on the use of performance-enhancing drugs like steroids.”

The House bills will now go the governor’s desk.

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